

## **REMARKS**

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration of the outstanding office action is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6 remain in this application. Claims 7-10 have been canceled. Applicant believes that no new matter is added to the application as part of this response.

### **1. Amendments to the Claims**

Claim 1 has been rewritten to recite silver or copper metal in the last step, as suggested by the Examiner.

Claim 2 has been rewritten to recite that the article contains a central layer containing essentially no silver or copper halide crystals after being exposed to the reducing atmosphere.

Claims 7-10 have been canceled.

### **2. Claim Objections**

The Examiner objected to claim 1 because it did not recite both silver and copper metal. Claim 1 has been rewritten to recite silver or copper metal in the last step, as suggested by the Examiner. Applicant therefore requests that the Examiner withdraw the objection to claim 1.

### **3. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112**

The Examiner has rejected claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claim 2 has been rewritten to recite that the article contains a central layer containing essentially no silver or copper halide crystals after being exposed to the reducing atmosphere. Applicant believes that claim 2 as rewritten is definite, and requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claim 2.

### **4. Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that the subject matter of claims 1-6 is patentable over the prior art of record.

## 5. Conclusion

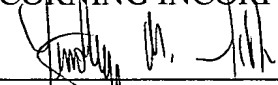
Applicant have previously filed a one month extension of time to make this Response timely: See "Request for Extension on Time to Respond to Official Action" dated 1/14/2005. Applicant again respectfully requests that the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for this supplemental response.

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